

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A vehicular bumper structure comprising:
  - a bumper reinforcement that extends along a vehicle width direction;
  - a plurality of load detection sensors disposed at a vehicle body outer side surface of the bumper reinforcement;
  - a load transmitting plate that is made of resinous material or metal, has predetermined rigidity, is disposed at vehicle body outer side surfaces of the plurality of load detection sensors, and is configured so as to be displaceable towards the vehicle body rear side with respect to a front wall portion of the bumper reinforcement;
  - a bumper cover provided along a vehicle width direction; and
  - a bumper absorbing member provided between the load transmitting plate and the bumper cover.
2. (Previously Presented) The vehicular bumper structure of claim 1, wherein the plurality of load detection sensors are dispersed and disposed in a vehicle body vertical direction.
3. (Previously Presented) The vehicular bumper structure of claim 1, wherein the plurality of load detection sensors are dispersed and disposed in the vehicle width direction, and the load transmitting plate is divided in the vehicle width direction.
- 4-5. (Canceled)
6. (Currently Amended) A collision detection method applicable to a vehicular bumper system of claim 2, the method comprising:
  - measuring, with ~~plural sensors,~~the plurality of load detection sensors, loads resulting from at least one occurring impact;

comparing the values of the loads measured by the ~~plural sensors;~~plurality of load detection sensors; and

discriminating ~~the at least~~at least one collision body on the basis of the result of measurement by the ~~plural sensors;~~plurality of load detection sensors.

7. (Currently Amended) A method of switching a vehicular collision body protection device that is installed in the vehicular bumper structure of claim 3, the method comprising:

measuring, with ~~plural sensors;~~the plurality of load detection sensors, loads resulting from at least one occurring impact;

comparing the values of the loads measured by the ~~plural sensors;~~plurality of load detection sensors; and

discriminating an occurrence position of the at least ~~one impact~~one occurring impact along a widthwise direction of a vehicle on the basis of the result of measurement by the ~~plural sensors;~~plurality of load detection sensors.

8-10. (Canceled)